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SUBJECT: 1976 CONTRIBUTIONS-IN-KIND FUNDS FOR IAEA

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1. RE PROPOSED BREAKDOWN REFTEL OF CONTRIBUTIONS-IN-KIND FUNDS FOR 1976, MISSION RECOMMENDS \$100,000 BE SHIFTED FROM TRAINING COURSES IN U.S. TO EQUIPMENT GRANTS, SINCE AGENCY HAS CUT BACK ON ITS SMALL TRAINING COURSES IN LIGHT OF HIGHER PRIORITY BEING GIVEN TO LARGER NUCLEAR POWER TRAINING COURSES. WE ARE STILL DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF TRAINING COURSE AT HARVARD NEXT YEAR, BUT THIS WILL DEPEND ON AVAILABLE FUNDING AND MANPOWER FROM DIVISION OF NUCLEAR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. WE SUGGEST, THEREFORE, RETAINING \$50,000 FOR TIME BEING FOR TRAINING COURSES IN U.S. EQUIPMENT GRANTS CATEGORY CAN EASILY ABSORB \$450,000 FOR NPT PARTIES, INCLUDING SOME FOOTNOTE A PROJECTS. FYI: WE EXPECT TO FORWARD SHORTLY A LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR WHICH U.S. EQUIPMENT GRANTS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED. END FYI.

2. WE HAVE INFORMALLY DISCUSSED PROPOSED BREAKDOWN
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(AS MODIFIED ABOVE) FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WITH

BITTENCOURT AND LLOYD, WHO WERE PLEASED AT PROPOSED LEVEL OF U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS, AND THEY AGREE WITH AMOUNTS IS MODIFIED BREAKDOWN.

3. WE HAVE INFORMED ROMETSCH OF POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY OF \$300,000 NEXT YEAR FOR STRENGTHENING SAFEGUARDS AND PHYSICAL PROTECTION, AND SUGGESTED HE HAVE HIS STAFF BEGIN PLANNING ON BEST WAYS OF UTILIZING THESE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, ALONG SIMILAR LINES AS WAS DONE THIS YEAR, BUT ALSO INCLUDING ADP TASK FORCE NEEDS.

4. RE PROPOSED AMOUNT FOR REGIONAL FUEL CYCLE CENTERS STUDY PROJECT, WE RECOMMEND PROVIDING \$100,000 CONTRIBUTION FAIRLY SOON IN SAME MANNER AS WAS DONE FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO AGENCY'S EXPANDED ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, PLUS PROVIDING LEONARD BENNETT FOR ONE-YEAR ON COST-FREE BASIS. LATTER WOULD USE UP ABOUT \$53,000 OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THIS CATEGORY. WE SUGGEST THE REMAINING \$147,000 NOT TO BE MENTIONED TO SECRETARIAT FOR TIME BEING, SINCE WE WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO GET OTHER MEMBER STATES TO CONTRIBUTE ALSO. PROVIDING FULL AMOUNT NOW WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY REMOVE INCENTIVES FOR OTHERS TO CONTRIBUTE.

5. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, STRESSED TO ALL CONCERNED THAT OUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1976 ARE STILL SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND POSSIBLE REVISION IN LIGHT OF AMOUNT OF FUNDING ACTUALLY AVAILABLE.LABOWITZ

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